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- 1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT JUANA GRANEROS DIRECTLY. SHE NOT LISTED IN SALTA OR VESPUCIO CITY DIRECTORY.
- 2. PADRE EDUARDO MARTINEZ MARQUEZ NO LONGER SALTA. HE HAS BEEN IN SANTO DOMINGO, D.R. SINCE MARCH 1974.
- 3. EMBASSY HAS CONTACTED AMCIT PRIEST FATHER GEORGE HAAS WHO RECTOR CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY DE SALTA WHO HAS AGREED TO INQUIRE AND REPORT.
- 4. DAYS OFTEN NECESSARY TO GET CALLS THRU TO SALTA SO SOME DELAY IN RECEIVING REPORT EXPECTED.
- 5. HAS FAMILY HAD ANY FURTHER CONTACT WITH GARCIA OR ANYONE ELSE WHICH WOULD SHED LIGHT ON CASE?
- 6. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO PASS FOREGOIN TO INTERESTED PARTY MENTIONED REFTEL.

FOR DEPARTMENT INFORMATION ONLY

EMBASSY HAS NAGGING DOUBTS ON BONAFIDES THIS CASE.

A) THERE ALMOST NO AIRLINE THAT WILL RISK BOARDING A PASSENGER UNCLASSIFIED

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WITHOUT PASSPORT DESTINED TO A COUNTRY WHERE PASSPORT REQUIRED.

B) ARGENTINA WOULD NOT NORMALLY ADMIT A U.S. TRAVELER WITHOUT PASSPORT UNTIL IMMIGRATION HAD PHONED EMBASSY SEEKING ASSURANCES HE WOULD BE DOCUMENTED. WE HAVE NO RECORD OF SUCH AN INQUIRY.

C) WHERE IS SUBJECT'S WIFE AND IF SHE ARGENTINE WHY HASN'T SHE CONTACTED EMBASSY?

D) FAMILY HAS HAD NO CONTACT EXCEPT CALL FROM GARCIA LLEGED TO HAVE COME FROM BUENOS AIRES.

E) POLICE HAVE NO RECORD AND AMOUNT ALLEGED TO BE REQUIRED FOR HIS RELEASE IS PETTY BY LOCAL STANDARDS.

- 7. ABOVE RAISES DOUBTS HE EVER IN ARGENTINA.
- $8. \ \mbox{WE}$ WILL HOWEVER CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE MATTER TO THE DEGREE POSSIBLE.
- 9. DEPARTMENT COMMENTS OR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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